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Pre-primary Education in Anganwadi Centres
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any prescribed syllabus/curriculum followed for pre-primary education in Anganwadi Centres and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) the measures taken by the Government to ensure that all centres follow the prescribed syllabus/curriculum?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) & (b) Under the National Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Policy, the Ministry of Women and Child Development has prepared a National ECCE Curriculum Framework and circulated to the States/ UTs on 23.1.2014. It envisages quality and excellence in early childhood education by providing guidelines for practices that would promote optimum learning and development of all young children and set out the broad arrangement of approaches and experiences rather than detailed defining of the content. The Curriculum Framework calls attention to the common principles and developmental tasks, at the same time, respecting the diversity in the child rearing practices and contextual ECCE needs.

Most of the States/UTs, in coordination with National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development, have developed and contextualized the State specific annual ECCE Curriculum. Further, the transaction of annual curriculum is supported by the use of Pre-school Education (PSE) Kit, made available to the Anganwadi Centres, containing local and culturally relevant play and learning materials.

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